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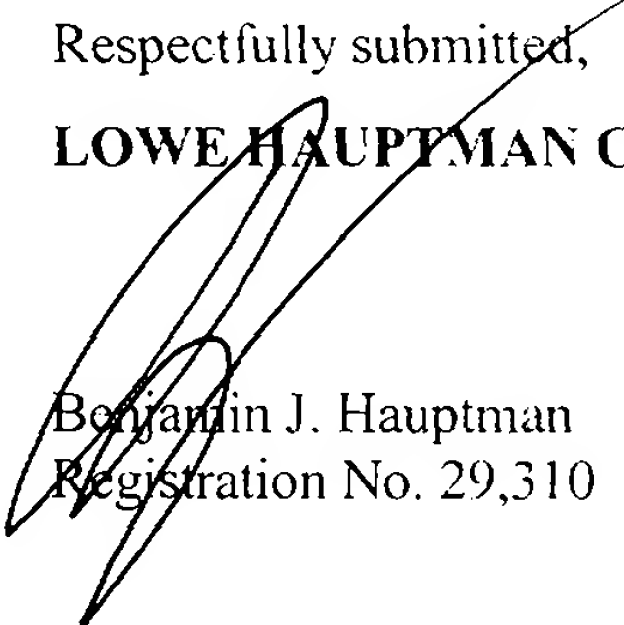
Additional amendments are being made to the claims in a manner that is more consistent with U.S. patent practice. Consideration of this Supplemental Amendment together with the Amendment filed *August 8, 2003* is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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